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AT the Court at *Hampton-Court*, the 22d of *Auguſt*, 1717.

PRESENT,

The King's Moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

UPON reading this Day at the Board a Preſentment by the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, dated the 19th of July laſt, to the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, in the Words following, viz.

'WE have had frequent Complaints from our Officers in ſeveral Parts of the Coaſts of this Kingdom, that the Smugglers are now grown ſo very numerous and inſolent, that they appear in Bodies from 20 to 30 armed Men, and in Defiance of the Officers of the Cuſtoms, do forcibly run great Quantities of Goods, to the great Prejudice of the Revenue and the fair Traders, a freſh Inſtance wherof we have now before us from one of our Officers at Stockton; who hath repreſented to us, in his Letter of the 7th Inſtant, (Copy whereof is hereto annexed, for your Lordſhips more particular Information) that upon Notice of a conſiderable Quantity of Goods being run near that Port, he applyed to the Commanding Officer of two Troops of Dragoons now quartered there, to aſſiſt him in ſecuring the ſaid Goods, but was refuſed ſuch Aſſiſtance by the ſaid Officer, notwithſtanding the Clauſe in the Act of Frauds, 14 *Car.* II. requires the ſame: Such commanding Officer alledging, that he had no Orders to aſſiſt any Officer of the Cuſtoms in the Execution of his Duty. We have therefore thought it our Duty to lay this Matter before your Lordſhips, and humbly pray that you will pleaſe to be a means, that the Military Officers quartered not only in and about Stockton, but alſo on other Parts of the Coaſt of this Kingdom, may be directed to aſſiſt the Officers of the Cuſtoms, as there ſhall be Occaſion, in Seizing uncuſtomed and prohibited Goods.'

HIS Majeſty taking the ſame into Conſideration, is pleaſed, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to Order, and it is hereby Ordered, That His Majeſty's Secretary at War, do forthwith cauſe Directions to be given to the Military Officers quartered on, or near the Sea-Coaſt, throughout England as well as Scotland, That they be aſſiſting to the Civil Magiſtrates, when deſired by them and the Officers of the Cuſtoms for the Executing Legal Proceſſes, and other Matters relating to His Majeſty's Service, in hindring the Exportation of Wooll, and Illegal Importation of French Silks, Brandy, and other Goods, and preventing the evil Practiſes complained of in the ſaid Preſentment. JA. VERNON.

Dublin, Auguſt 30.

To His Grace Charles Duke of Bolton, Lord Lieutenant-General, and General-Governour of His Majeſty's Kingdom of Ireland.

The humble Addreſs of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled.

May it pleaſe your Grace,

IT is with great Satisfaction, that we the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled, have heard the many Expreſſions of His Majeſty's Royal Favour and Goodneſs towards us, in your Grace's moſt excellent Speech from the Throne.

We were alarmed during our laſt Seſſion, and threatned by a moſt Horrid and Unnatural Rebellion raiſed within His Majeſty's Kingdom of Great-Britain, which if it had prevailed muſt of Neceſſity have involved this Kingdom alſo in the Common Ruin. But the great Wiſdom and Steadineſs of His Majeſty's Government in that moſt Critical Juncture, being aſſiſted and conducted by the good Providence of God, has not only freed us from the Apprehenſions under which we then lay; but alſo given us ſuch a pleaſing Proſpect of Peace and Tranquility, as we have great Reaſon to hope will ſecure our common Happineſs, and tranſmit it down to future Generations.

We have the Pleaſure to find by your Grace's Speech, that our Zeal and Indignation againſt the horrid Deſigns which were formed againſt His Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and Royal Family, and the Duty and Loyalty ſhewn by us at that Time, were graciouſly accepted by His Majeſty: And now crave Leave to expreſs our Joy for the Suppreſſion of that moſt horrid Rebellion, and for the quiet and peaceable Condition into which His Majeſty, by Alliances formed abroad, and by His Wiſdom, Juſtice and Clemency at home, has happily put his Dominions.

Nor ought it to be paſſed over in Silence, that His Majeſty, by His Royal Pardon and Act of Grace, has done all that is poſſible to reconcile even His greateſt Enemies to His Royal Perſon and Government; except there be any of them who ſtill remain as ungratefully inſenſible of His Majeſty's Clemency, as hitherto they have wickedly been of their own Duty.

We take it alſo as a ſingular Inſtance of His Majeſty's Favour to us, that he has been pleaſed to appoint your Grace Chief Governour of this Kingdom. We remember, with Pleaſure, the great Advantages we formerly enjoyed under your Grace's Adminiſtration; and promiſe our ſelves the Continuance of the like, or greater from your early and faithful Adherence to His late Majeſty King William, of ever Glorious Memory; from your firm Zeal for the Intereſt of our preſent happy Eſtabliſhment both in Church and State; and from the particular Favour and Kindneſs your Grace is pleaſed to expreſs towards this Kingdom.

To which Addreſs his Grace was pleas'd to make the following Anſwer.

I Am very ſenſible of your Lordſhips good Inclinations and Kindneſs to me expreſs'd in your Addreſs, and fully convinced, that your Lordſhips will continue to promote at all times, what ſhall be for His Majeſty's Service, and the Good of the Kingdom.

To his Grace Charles Duke of Bolton, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governour of Ireland.

The humble Addreſs of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes in Parliament aſſembled.

May it pleaſe your Grace,

WE His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of Ireland in Parliament aſſembled, beg Leave to return your Grace our humble and hearty Thanks for your excellent Speech to both Houſes of Parliament.

His Majeſty, in the whole Courſe of His Reign, has ſhewn the tendereſt Regard for the Safety and Proſperity of His People, and has now given us a very ſignal Inſtance in appointing your Grace to be our Governour, whoſe early and diſtinguiſhed Zeal in promoting and bringing about the late happy Revolution, (which reſcued us from Popery and Slavery, and ſecured to us the Bleſſings we now enjoy) and whoſe ſteady Adherence to thoſe Principles which then animated your Grace, leave us no room to doubt the Preſervatien of our Religious and Civil Rights during your Grace's Adminiſtration.

His Majeſty's gracious Acceptance of our faithful Endeavours for His Service during the late Unnatural Rebellion, and His ſingular Goodneſs in paſſing the Act in the Parliament of Great Britain for continuing the Liberty of exporting our Linnen Manufactures to the Britiſh Plantations, call for the utmoſt grateful Acknowledgments from a loyal People to the beſt of Princes.

We reflect with Pleaſure on the Happineſs this Kingdom formerly enjoyed in your Grace's juſt and mild Government, when one of the Lords Juſtices under His late Majeſty King William of glorious Memory, and on the Well-grounded Hopes we entertain of the Continuance thereof from the Reduction and Regulation of the Civil and Military Liſts; a grateful Senſe of which, as well as our inviolable

Duty